REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 7-11 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 7, and 10 are amended, and claim 11 is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Unless otherwise indicated in the remarks set forth below, the amendments to the claims are made for the purpose of correcting informalities and/or to more clearly define the claimed invention, and are not made for the purpose of overcoming the cited art.

Applicant acknowledges the Patent Office's renumbering of claims 11-14 as claims 7-10.

The Patent Office objects to the title of the invention as not descriptive. The title of the invention has been amended in accordance with the Patent Office's suggestion.

The Patent Office objects to claims 1-3 because informalities. Claim 1 has been amended to correct the informalities.

The Patent Office rejects claims 1-3 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,742,129 to Nagayama et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Nagayama fails to disclose every claimed feature, as required by §102. Claim 1 recites a partition wall of an electrically insulating material with a base closer to a substrate wider than a base away from the substrate, and wherein side surfaces of the partition wall are substantially covered by an organic luminescent multilayer. Claim 7 recites a plurality of pixels that each comprise a light emitting layer having a first surface that substantially covers side surfaces of each partition wall. Nagayama does not teach or suggest these features.

In Nagayama, a shadow mask is positioned on top of the ramparts during deposition of the organic function layers (See Figs. 11a-11d). Thus, the organic function layers are not formed on the side surfaces of the rampart. Accordingly, Nagayama actually teaches away from the present invention.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that Nagayama fails to anticipate the subject matter of claims 1 and 7. Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1, and claims 8-10 claim from claim 7. Thus, claims 2, 3 and 8-10 are allowable for at least the same reasons, as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

Added claim 11 depends from claim 7, and is allowable for at least the reasons set forth above, as well as for the additional features it recites.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, René A. Vazquez, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

FLESHNER & KIM, LLP

Daniel Y.J. Kim

Registration No. 36,186

René A. Vazquez

Registration No. 38,647

P.O. Box 221200 Chantilly, VA 20153-1200 703 502-9440 DYK:RAV/par

Date: May 12, 2003